Communal riots over Ram Janam-bhoomi temple and Babari Mosque dispute

42. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in the riots which broke out in various States as a sequel to the Ram Janam-bhoomi temple and Babari Mosque dispute at Ayodhya; and

(b) whether any foreign hand is suspected in fomenting these communal passions and disturbances, if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to counteract these forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

(b) No direct involvement of any foreign Govt. or agency in the dispute over the Ram Janam-bhoomi temple/ Babari Masjid has so far come to notice.

Full pension for government servants after the commutation period

43. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the question of restoring the full pension payable to a retired employee when ten years have passed after the commutation of one-third of his pension; and

(b) If so, by when a decision is expected in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some organisations representing pensioners filed writ petitions in 1983 in the Supreme Court seeking restoration of commuted value of pension. The Government have since submitted an equitable formulation to the Court for consideration. The Court's decision is now awaited.

Communal disturbances at Allahabad and other places of Uttar Pradesh

44. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main reasons for the recent communal disturbances at Allahabad and other places in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what are the details of the loss of human life and property in the said disturbances; and

(c) Whether the persons responsible for these disturbances have been identified and apprehended, if so, what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) Serious communal incidents have recently taken place at Allahabad, Mussaffirkhana, Meerut, Neoria and Shahjanpur in Uttar Pradesh. These incidents are the handiwork of miscreants and anti-social elements. As per available information, in these incidents 48 persons were killed, 145 persons sustained injuries and property worth Rs. 10.42 lakhs (aprox.) was destroyed.

In all these incidents, the Government of Uttar Pradesh took appropriate measures, preventive and punitive under the law to control the situation and to deal with the miscreants. In Allahabad alone, the Government of Uttar Pradesh arrested 1,177 persons and these persons are being dealt with under the provisions of the law.

Reservation for SC/ST and backward classes in Assam

45. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any discontentment amongst the students belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and backward classes in Assam against the reservation policy of the State Government; and

(b) if so, what action the Central Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) There have been some reports of agitation by some student organisations of SCs, STs and OBCs in Assam in support of demands like implementation of the Assam SC & ST (Reservation of Vacancies in services and posts) Order. Attention of the State Government has been drawn to this development.

Implementation of Punjab Accord

46. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Central Government to stop the migration of Hindus from Punjab;

(b) what is the number of Hindu families who have left Punjab after the recent disturbances there; and

(c) what are the hurdles in the way of an early implementation of the Punjab Accord in full?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Central Government is in constant touch with the State Government in this regard and adequate para-military forces have been made available to assist the State authorities to check terrorist activities.

(b) According to available information about 1250 families have moved out from certain areas of Punjab to adjoining States upto 14.7.1986 due to the terrorist acivities in the State.

(c) The Government has made sincere efforts to implement the Memorandum of Settlement on Punjab and further efforts in this direction are continuing.

Talks on Siachen between Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan

47. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the outcome of the recent talks between the Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan on the disputed Siachen Glacier area; and

(b) what are the reasons for the stalemate in arriving at an agreement between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) In the second round of talks on the Siachen issue held in Delhi on 10 to 12 June, 1986 both sides resolved to find a negotiated settlement of the issue in accordance with the Simla Agreement and discussed various ideas for its amicable resolution.

(b) There has been no stalemate in the talks and both sides have agreed to meet again to continue the dialogue.

Arms Smuggling across Indo-Pak Border for Punjab extremists

48. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite having sealed the Indo-Pak border, heavy consignments of arms for Punjab extremists continue to be smuggled from across the border and that such consignments are reported to have been smuggled in May and June, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the measures taken by Government to overhaul the existing arrangements to effectively check arms smuggling into the country from across the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) No, Sir. Government have not received any such reports.

(b) Does not arise.